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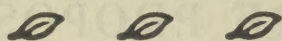
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## The Yucca.



**B**Y MANY, the Yucca is considered as standing at the head of the list of our hardy ornamental foliage and flowering plants. Whether grown singly on the lawn, in groups among shrubbery, or in large beds, it presents an equally showy and striking aspect. The long, sharply pointed, evergreen leaves and tall spikes of drooping, creamy-white flowers give the plant a distinctly tropical appearance, but Yucca filamentosa, the one most generally cultivated, is perfectly hardy here in Western New York, and it is also reported hardy at the Canadian Experimental Farm at Ottawa, Ontario.

In the flower garden, the Yucca forms a picturesque contrast to other plants. The flower stalk rises from the center of the plant to an average height of from three to five feet, though it sometimes reaches six or eight feet. It is crowned with hundreds of drooping, bell-shaped blossoms, which form a perfect pyramid and make a magnificent sight. The buds are of a delicate green color, the blossoms a creamy-white with sometimes a tinge of green at the base of the petals or a faint line through the center. They are thick and waxy-looking, almost as beautiful as an orchid. When planted in front of evergreens, the tall, commanding flower columns stand out like marble statuary. They have grace and elegance, are stately, but never stiff. The blooming season is from the middle of July into August.

The Yucca is most beautiful at night. In the hot glow of the noonday sun the blossoms hang limp and drooping, but when evening comes the leaves glisten, the flowers revive and seem to almost shine with a silvery, transparent luster, lending a weird splendor to the garden.

Almost any soil will do for Yuccas except a wet one, and they will grow in the shade and in the sun. When planted singly, keep a space around the plant free from the grass. When planted in a bed or in a group, Pansies can be used as a border with good effect. After the ground has frozen a mulching of well-rotted manure should be applied, which can be dug into the soil in the spring. A covering of evergreen boughs will afford sufficient protection in winter. No insects trouble the Yuccas, and they do not seem to suffer when there is a lack of moisture in summer. As ornamental plants they cannot be too highly commended, and it would certainly be difficult to find any which require less care.

Though with us the Yucca is purely an ornamental plant, in the southeastern and the southwestern states and Mexico, where it grows naturally, the plant has an economic value. The

leaves of Y. filamentosa, commonly called "bear grass," are used for making seats for chairs and other domestic purposes. The fruit of some species is eaten in a fresh state and also dried; the young, tender flower spikes are eaten raw or roasted; the seeds when ground make a flour which is cooked as mush and eaten. The leaves afford a fiber which is made into ropes, nets, mattresses, shoes, and hair brushes, and woven into horse blankets.

In an interesting article on the Yucca in a Report of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Dr.



William Trelease says: "As a rule, the fruits of the baccate species of Yucca are promptly eaten by birds, rats, etc., but domesticated animals are said to like them, and being quite sugary they are enjoyed by the Indian and Mexican children, who commonly call them figs or dates. All that I have tasted possess, in combination with their sweetness, a characteristic bitterness which makes them somewhat unpalatable, and those of the Rocky Mountain and Mexican region possess a

rather viscid pulp which renders them unpleasant to handle when broken. My friend Mr. Burbidge has compared the fruit of Yucca aloifolia with black-currant jam with a little admixture of quinine,—its purple color no doubt strengthening the suggestiveness." *Florence Beckwith.*

## More About Colorado Wild Flowers.

I greatly enjoyed the article on Colorado Wild Flowers, in the March number of Vick's Family Magazine, particularly the photograph of the lovely pink and white sand daisy, which I have not seen since, as a child, I rode my pony over our Colorado sand hills.

The author writes largely of the mountain flowers, and truly they are the better known, but the beauties of the prairies are not to be slighted. One of the most gorgeous of these is the gaillardia, or blanket flower, as it is commonly called, the brilliant colors resembling the reds and yellows of the Navajo Indian blankets.

Another family well represented here is the penstemon. The perennials are the handsomest, bearing on each side of tall stalks quantities of large bell-like flowers varying in color in different plants from pale pink to lavender and blue. They grow on the rock bars along our creeks and rivers. An acre of these blossoms set round about with a veritable jungle of wild roses is a lovely sight.

Then on the hills back of the creek we find a low plant, an annual, growing in such profusion as to almost cover the ground with its bright blue blossoms. Back a few steps farther, on a little higher ground, is a plant with creamy white blossoms, the botanical name of which is zigadenus. Imagine if you can the blossom of the choke cherry growing on a single stiff stem from out a bunch of slender, grass-like, lily leaves and you have this lovely plant.

Later in the summer the meadows are full of asters, purple and white, yellow daisies and golden rod. Occasionally along the streams are found clumps of the closed gentians whose pretty dark blue blossoms are never opened to the sunshine. In just one place I know of three or four acres covered with another gentian, not the fringed, which so far as I know grows only in the mountains. It has a large cup-shaped blue flower, which when spread open averages not less than three inches across.

A beautiful bush morning glory grows plentifully in many localities and numerous other plants known only by their botanical names, but very dear to the prairie children.

To the flower loving child of twenty or twenty-five years ago a double rose was a vision of loveliness to dream over after the bed time stories of "Mother's old home." *Alice M. Montgomery.*



## Eremuri at Riverton.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

One of the most interesting features of the hardy flower garden during May was *Eremurus robustus* and *E. Himalaicus*. The latter was the first to open its pure white flowers on a densely crowded spike nearly four feet high. The flowers, which were borne with prodigious profusion, occupied about sixteen inches of the stem, and were fully an inch across.

But the most stately of the two was *E. robustus*. It commenced to open its flowers nearly a week later than *E. Himalaicus*, and overshadowed it in height by nearly three feet, with a flowering raceme very nearly three feet in length. This is truly a magnificent plant and won the admiration of all who saw it, as from day to day it opened its large, delicately colored pink flowers, fully an inch and a half across. Among the group was one with white flowers.

There is a little intricacy about the culture or management of these plants, which must be learned or failure will result. In my first experience I thought I had an ideal spot and studied to give them the care recommended in gardening literature. My plant survived the winter and came up good and strong in the spring, but for some yet undiscovered reason it rapidly melted away, roots, leaves, and all.

In my second venture, I selected a rather open spot in a plot of ground nearly enclosed by a hemlock hedge. The ground was deeply and thoroughly spaded, and a liberal dressing of well-decayed manure was incorporated with the soil. Additional soil was added to raise the bed some four to six inches above the level of the surrounding earth; this was kept in position by a frame of hemlock boards.

The soil, naturally a rich, sandy loam, was nicely leveled off and on it were placed the roots or crowns of the plant, which are peculiarly constructed. The large, fleshy, brittle roots, sometimes nearly two feet long, are horizontally thrown out from a central crown, like spokes from the hub of a wagon wheel. Hence, to prevent them from breaking, the surface of the soil must be both firm and level. Then, I took a small stake and put it down as near the crown as I possibly could, to indicate its position and to prevent its being damaged. Afterwards the roots were nicely covered over with three or four inches of finely pulverized soil lightly firmed, then with some loose material, long strawy manure or loose straw.

The crowns of the plants must be protected from any stagnant water or excessive moisture, and I find the best, easiest, and quickest method of doing this is to put a sash over them, which will readily throw off water but can be arranged to admit air. This protection seems quite necessary, as the plants are very impatient both of dampness and moisture. They seem to grow slowly during the winter, and by very early spring are sending up their large, strong, folded leaves, out of which rise the tall spikes of beautiful flowers.

The advent of spring, however, does seem to relieve one's care of this class of plants, for both cold winds and late frosts are disastrous. They must still be jealously guarded and protected till both of these dangers are passed, or their beauty will be very much marred by disfigured foliage, if the plants are not prevented from flowering. To many this will appear to be a great deal of trouble, but I am fully satisfied that the pleasure and satisfaction derived during their blooming period more than pays for it all, bringing the old adage again true: "No gains without pains."

*Eremurus Himalaicus* is from the Hamalayas and *E. robustus* is from Turkestan, but both

wintered under the conditions named. Both should have grown very much taller, but this could hardly be expected the first season, as they were not planted till about December first. I think early October planting would have given far better results. *Eremuri* grow very slowly from seed; imported seed requires nearly a year to germinate in our climate, and it will be four or five years, they say, before the plants will flower. So, if the price does seem high, get good flowering plants to start with.

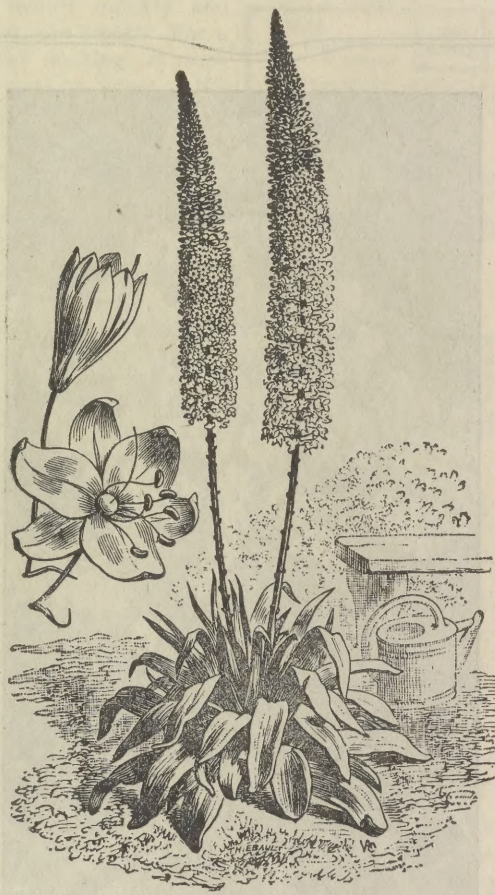
Herbert Greensmith.

## Without Money and Without Price.

(A prize-winning article in our recent contest.)

Nine, out of every ten women love flowers—it seems as much a part of their nature, as the love for hunting is of man-nature.

But not every woman is so situated, that she can indulge her taste in matters floral, as she would often times like to do. Indeed, there are many, particularly in farming districts, where ready money is rather scarce, and the stern necessities of life veto the spending of much money



EREMURUS ROBUSTA.

on anything not absolutely required to keep the family fed and clothed.

As a natural sequence, the longing for the beautiful—whether in pictures or flowers, or little adornments for her house—has been starved in many a woman's soul, by lack of funds, to gratify her desire in this direction, and it is for these women that this article is written.

With all the beauty, and abundance that Dame Nature has spread around us, there is small need, for any home however humble, to be without a plot of flowers, or bit of greenery, summer or winter.

There is hardly one of our native wild flowers, but what takes kindly to "civilization" and will amply repay one for transplanting, and cultivating

it. It is of only a few, however, that can be brought in for winter decoration, that we shall specify now.

Of these the ordinary *St. John's Wort*, or *Hypericum perforatum*, that grows everywhere, through the country by the roadside, and in the fields, with its tall spikes of rather coarse yellow blossoms, is so common as to attract little or no attention. Yet this common weed, makes one of the loveliest plants for a hanging pot, in winter, that can be imagined. All that is necessary, is to wait, till the blooming period is over, and the flower stalks are withered and brown, when the plant throws out sprays of tender leaves, in a sort of rosette—making a perfect mat of beautiful green.

Just before frost, the clump should be taken up, flower stalks cut off, and planted in the hanging pot. After being well watered, it is well to keep it out of the hot sun for a few days, though should it wilt badly, it need cause no alarm, as it seems almost impossible to kill it. After recovering from transplanting it will begin to make new growth, and once started it grows rapidly.

For a hanging pot get a round, rather deep, ten cent tin, and after punching holes in bottom for drainage, and then three at equal distance, just under top rim, to put hanging chains through, give it a coat or two of medium green or gray paint, and you have an ideal receptacle for hanging plants; much better than the earthen ones you buy, as they are heavy, and never hold earth enough.

I have a *St. John's-wort*, in my window, that has sprays over eighteen inches long, each one being covered with shorter sprays, giving it a peculiarly feathery appearance, and as I have kept this "weed" for three winters, as one of my choicest hanging plants among a collection of about two hundred plants, and when I say that it has attracted more attention than almost anything else, it may well be considered a pleasing addition to any window. About no other plant, have I had so many inquiries as to what it was, where obtained, and so on, and my friends look almost incredulous when I tell them what it is.

Another weed, I have "taken to my heart" as a house plant, is the common mullein. A small plant taken up makes a pretty center for a hanging pot, and the soft grayish-green of its velvety leaves, makes a pleasing contrast to the vivid green of other plants. Since our cousins over the water have taken to cultivating mullein, under the name of American velvet plant, we should certainly not be behind them in adopting it for decorative purposes.

Then there are so many beautiful native ferns and mosses, that to have a "fernery" costs nothing but the labor of going to the woods for them; a pleasure in itself for the lover of the beautiful in nature. With the ferns, we find that Jack-in-the-pulpit, flourishes splendidly, and you can fairly see them grow.

With the wild *Calla*, the *Pickereel weed*, club moss-pitcher plant, *mittchella*, or *Partridge vine*—rattle-snake plantain, and even tiny pine trees, we can have ferneries galore.

For vines to cover an unsightly spot in the backyard, what is prettier than the wild *clematis*, with its starry blossoms, or the wild bean (botanically *Apias tuberosa*) with thick clusters of pink and brown blossoms.

For a hedge, what is lovelier than white alder, commonly known as sweet pepperbush? I know of just such a hedge, dividing two beautiful estates, where money is no object, but the owners thereof utilize beauty and fragrance wherever found; whether free, in God's garden, or in some florist's at so many dollars a smell.

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## Some Floral Notes.

## A FINE HERBACEOUS SPIREA.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Through the kindness of a lady of West Virginia I was enabled to set the Dropwort (*Spirea filipendula*), an herbaceous spirea from England. The plants came last August and now (June 10) are just coming into bloom. I never saw this spirea in any catalogue but it ought to be in all of them, for it has great merits. It forms a rosette of finely cut foliage on the earth, of a dark rich, green and perfectly evergreen. January and June are all the same to this ironclad plant. A bed set closely enough so the leaves would cover the ground would be a good thing all through the dead season. The first new growth is tinged with red and soon an erect stem rises from the center of the rosette of leaves to the height of a foot or more, nearly leafless and bearing a head or irregular cyme of many white flowers. The buds, close together at first but spreading apart as the branches extend, are each painted with crimson on a ground of pure white. The flowers, the largest spirea flowers I ever saw, are white but not a very pure white; not so white as the outside of the crimson painted buds. How long the season of bloom may last I do not yet know. *Filipendula* means hanging by a thread. I see nothing of this sort as yet but the flowers (or seeds) may bend the slender branches of the cyme one of these days. The leaves, as beautifully cut as the fronds of a fern and looking not very unlike some ferns, are a foot or so long on old plants.

## STYLOPHORUM DIPHYLLUM.

This is the botanical name of the celandine poppy of the poppy family, a plant native from Pennsylvania to Tennessee, but which I never saw until it came in the same package with the spirea. It is a low hardy perennial with large deeply divided smooth leaves having the glaucous (peagreen) look, so common in this family, and a few large golden yellow flowers, now and for some time past in bloom, somewhat frail and ephemeral, but quite pretty while they last. A rather good plant for the herbaceous border or shrubbery, but I think the spirea would be the most popular.

Here a mile from my home is a marsh covering quite a large area, not down in the valley near a large stream but lying upon the level summit of a hill with hill ranges purple in the distance visible from it for miles and miles. One day I dug a root of "blue flag" (*Iris versicolor*) here and set it near the unfenced road in my door yard. It is in a wet spot in spring or so long as it rains; there is no living water. A great basswood and other trees shade it all the afternoon and a dense mat of "myrtle" (*Vinca minor*) climbs the northern slope behind it. It is just now in full bloom and its flowers, though less showy than some others of its tribe, are very beautiful. But after all I am inclined to hold its rich tropical foliage as its strongest point; I never saw such a clump growing wild, though it has had no culture that I know of. (I can almost remember hoeing it once or twice and it is possible I have applied chip dirt.) I am sure it has not been petted. But its leaves stood four feet high last year, an enormous solid mass and will do it again perhaps the present season.

E. S. Gilbert.

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## Flowers.

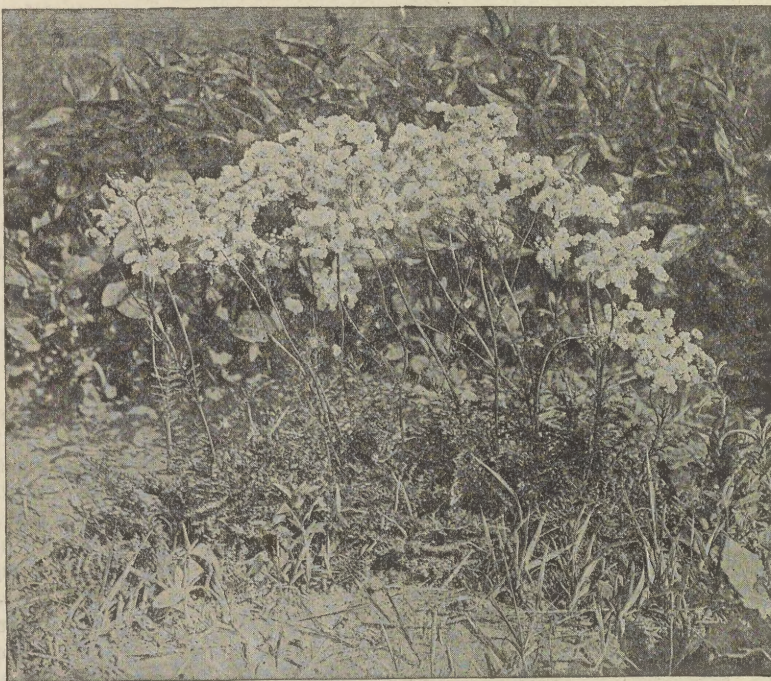
(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

"I have gathered me a posie of other men's flowers and nothing but the thread that binds them is mine own." He who cannot appreciate floral beauty is to be pitied like any other man who is born imperfect. It is a misfortune not unlike blindness. But men who contemptuously reject flowers as effeminate are unworthy of manhood and reveal a positive coarseness.

Never has the interest in floral culture been so great as at the present time; and it is not a fad, it will not fade away but increase as we understand their value as public educators and benefactors. The world will become better, for the flower lover's life is fuller and sweeter.

"Flowers knew how to preach divinity before men knew how to dissect and botanize them." And they are preaching divinity still, the best and sweetest sermons ever heard. The universal heart of man loves flowers. To all of the poets they have been an inspiration. Never have we heard of a great poet who did not love flowers. Poetry and flowers, they are synonymous.

Moore's "Last Rose of Summer" is an im-



SPIREA FILIPENDULA GROWING IN A MASS.

mortal poem. "Lines to a Daisy" is one of the best poems of Burns. But for the "Ode to the Flowers," the name of Horace Smith would fade from remembrance. Tennyson's poetry is full of flowers—he revels in them. Wordsworth, Longfellow and Bryant are real poets of nature. From time immemorial flowers have been a favorite theme of the poets and many are the quaint conceits, the bright fancies, the happy inspirations that have emanated from them.

"Learn we of the wind and the weather's change-ful face,

And what the ancestral haunts and habits be  
Of things that grow—the loved of every place  
And the rejected."

The "things that grow"—the beautiful flowers of forest and field where

"With childlike credulous affection  
We behold their tender buds expand  
Emblems of our own great resurrection,  
Emblems of that bright and better land."

"How the universal heart of man blesses flowers.

They are wreathed round the cradle, the marriage altar and the tomb."

"They speak through their beauty and fragrance when words are a desecration."

"In eastern lands they talk in flowers,

And they tell in a garland their love and cares,  
Each blossom that blooms in their garden bowers,  
On its leaves a mystic language bears."

"Flowers are emblems of happiness, of joy and hope; our offerings of love and devotion."

"There is not the least flower but seems to hold up its head and to look pleasantly in the secret sense of the goodness of its Heavenly Maker."

"Flowers are the sweetest things that God ever made and forgot to put a soul into." Sometimes I think that flowers have a soul as well as some other "things that grow."

"It is the great Spirit of God within them

The self-same loving God we find in man  
Appealing each to each and so win man  
To purity and peace as naught else can."

"Blessed is he who really loves flowers!—who loves them for their own sakes and their beauty, their associations, the joy they have given, and always will give! So that he would sit down among them as friends and companions, if there were no one else on earth to admire and praise them."

"Flowers are love's truest language, for though the lips are sealed, a tiny blossom will carry a message of love and remembrance."

"Oh what tender thoughts beneath  
These silent flowers are lying  
Hid within the mystic wreath  
My love has kissed in tying."

Annice Bodey Calland.

## What Is It?

(A prize poem of our recent contest.)  
Shaped like a bonnet worn in Elfland,  
Is this thing so quaint and light,  
'Tis fit to grace a gentle fairy,  
Or her gay and gallant knight.

It hangs from a slender swaying stem,  
Like an oriental lamp,  
And when the fairies aren't wearing them,  
I suspect they light their camp.

Or perhaps the elves of fairy land  
May use it for a horn,  
A daintier one has never blown,  
To waken drowsy elves at morn.

'Tis more curious than any charm  
That rich man ever bought;  
More delicate than his rarest gem  
With costly carving wrought.

But perhaps you'd like to know, my friend,  
How to find this curio,  
So please listen most attentively,  
And I'll tell you where to go.

In some dim, secluded woodland,  
Seek a moist and shady spot,  
Then if you look carefully, I think  
You'll find the touch-me-not.

Cecil Eric Wright.

## A Little Boy's Dilemma.

Ev'ry time I come to grandma's,  
Grandma calls me "Little dear,"  
Kisses me, and says she's very,  
Very glad that I am here;  
Gives me pie and crispy cookies—  
Wishes I would stay a year.

When I go home in the autumn,  
You'd most think grandma'd be sad;  
'Membering the pleasant summer  
She and I, and grandpa'd had.  
But, my sakes! she looks so smiling  
You'd imagine she was glad.

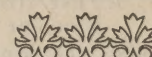
Helen M. Richardson.





## Talks About Flowers

By  
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



### Cut Flowers for Bouquets.

"The more you cut your flowers, the more you will find them thick; but the less you pick them off, the less you will have to pick." The above saying contains more truth than poetry. If the blossoms are not removed frequently from pansies, sweet peas and nasturtiums, the plants will go to seed; and the nourishment that the roots draw from the ground will be used in maturing the seed pods, rather than in forming new flowers. This is perhaps not true regarding all annuals, but with the sweet pea and pansy it is particularly so. In order to have them do their best, keep the plants well fed.

All of the blossoms should be gathered about once a week, and, if possible, oftener. If the flowers get the start of you, however, remove the faded ones, and also the seed pods, before they have a chance to develop. In this way, the plants will continue to blossom all summer, while otherwise they would not. After you have cut your flowers, form them into bouquets. This is the "play part" of flower growing, while the "work part" is sowing the seed, cultivating the soil and training the plants. Every one may not have the knack of making bouquets, but no one need form all the varieties in the garden into a big, graceless bunch. This is about the worst sin that a bouquet-maker can commit.

As a rule, every separate variety looks best in a dish by its self; that is, asters, pansies, gladioli, etc., are generally more pleasing when no other flower is placed with them, in a bouquet. However, the different colored blossoms of the same class may be used together. For instance, purple and white asters, crimson and light pink roses or yellow, orange and maroon nasturtiums are all very pleasing when grouped alone. But when placed together the effect is better imagined than described. Of course, the rule laid down at the head of this paragraph is not bound in iron, and may be broken by people who are sure of their taste. But persons who cannot put the different flowers together with good effect, better not experiment too lavishly. As a rule, the rule holds good.

A bit of green generally adds much to a bouquet and the foliage and flowers of different plants may often be combined. A few skeleton geranium leaves placed around a bunch of sweet peas, forms a pleasing arrangement, while "infant's breath" may be freely mingled with almost any flower. When possible, however, it is a good plan to use together the flowers and foliage of the same plant. When gladioli and irises are cut for bouquets, gather a few of the narrow, lance-like leaves and place them carefully among the spikes. This will give a natural effect, which is always to be desired and worked for. A tall, cylinder-shaped dish is the proper kind in which to place the flowers mentioned. Still, rose bowls, etc., are also good.

Sweet peas, forget-me-nots, lilies of the valley, carnations, roses and all flowers that have an air of daintiness should generally be placed in clear, sparkling, cut-glass tumblers, goblets and rose bowls. With very few exceptions, they were never intended to "go" in highly colored and heavily made receptacles. But perennial phlox, peonies, golden rod, dahlias, geraniums, etc., rarely look badly in dishes that are quite as sub-

stantial as the flowers themselves. A bunch of forget-me-nots and wild, pink rose buds once took my fancy, while, at another time, a bouquet of white, pink and blue bachelor buttons struck me as decidedly beautiful.

I began to experiment with this flower, and one result of my efforts was a more or less compact bunch of orange nasturtiums, with several blue bachelor buttons sticking up out of it, in different directions. The effect was all that could be desired. The flowers glowed and harmonized to their heart's content, and I added a good-sized leaf to my imaginary crown of laurels. Yellow nasturtiums and purple bachelor buttons were also approved of. When you know what colors go well together, you can derive much pleasure by combining the different flowers. Your efforts will be appreciated at home, at church, at hospitals, at public gatherings, by children, by sick friends, by well friends, and by yourself. You will never know the true joy of giving until you supply some one who has no flowers, with the beautiful blooms from your garden.



A GRACEFUL ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS.

### A Few Ideas.

My row of sweet peas has, this year, a border of nasturtiums planted close up around its base, on both sides and ends. They are growing quite near together, and consequently take the place of a mulch. They do their duty well and the arrangement is quite pleasing. On account of the nearby shade and moisture, the roots of the sweet peas are congratulating themselves, and undoubtedly the vines will be quite a bit finer than without this mulch that bears flowers. The idea is not copyrighted, and you are at liberty to take a note of it. In planting the nasturtiums set them in the soil outside of the trench, rather than inside. They do not seem to require any food—at least, the plants give more flowers and less leaves in a poor, sandy loam.

Sometime I am going to have a large, circular bed filled with cannas or something, and on the outside there is going to be a row or two of Grand Rapids lettuce. The big, crinkled heads of this vegetable are beautiful, and will admirably take the place of other plants that are not so worthy.

It is useful as well as ornamental, and can be just as easily grown in the manner suggested as in the vegetable garden. When they begin to reach upward, the tops should be cut back. In this way the heads will maintain a pleasing, compact shape.

Some of the finest geraniums that I have ever seen were growing in a house where a family had moved out, leaving the plants—regrettably, I hope—to care for themselves. It was in the fall, and the air was naturally cool. But the sunlight poured in through the curtainless windows and coaxed the dozen thrifty specimens into bloom. They aroused my curiosity and then my envy. I would stand on the sidewalk, eye those geraniums and wish they were mine. Finally, I was tempted to appropriate them for my own use. But as there was no way to get into the room except by climbing up the side of the house, I gradually abandoned the idea. It was perhaps well that I did, for I afterwards surmised that the plants were cared for by a neighbor until their owner came for them. The moral of this story is plain. In order to do well, geraniums should be given a good, bright window, in an even-temperated room. Plenty of sunlight is essential, and if the air is warmer than sixty-five degrees, be sure that it is also moist.

As soon as the flower garden is in a condition beyond criticism, it would be a good idea to take a holiday. The woods and fields of August are rich in varied beauty, and it will do you good to get out and enjoy Nature. If possible, spend a whole day in the woods; and, while there, hunt up some nice, rich leaf mould and carry a big basket—or perhaps, an express wagon—full of it home with you. Wood's dirt is very handy to have around when you want to prepare soil for certain plants. It should generally be sifted and perhaps baked.

Also collect a basket of charcoal or something similar, with which to drain your flower pots, when you plant your hyacinths, etc., next month. Bones, placed in the fire and burned, are very good for this purpose. It would be an excellent idea if you were to speak a few good words for this magazine. Neither you nor your neighbors have so much to do as formerly, and while you talk they can listen. If all of our readers will spread the gospel of flowers, together with several other good things, and secure at least one subscriber a piece, this Magazine will improve so rapidly that you will hardly know it. Perhaps you have a friend who would accept a present of a year's subscription?

### Seasonable Suggestions.

During August there is usually more or less trying weather, and plenty of water, mulch and attention should be given to all outdoor plants. This is particularly so regarding the ones that are coming into bloom, or blooming at their best. In localities where a drouth has fallen, such plants as hydrangea paniculata, rudbeckia, perennial phlox, etc., may be given dish and wash water. Plenty of decayed stable compost should be scattered over the ground after it is finely hoed. The soil in which many plants are growing cannot be made too rich; and, in addition to supplying nourishment, the manure will also form a mulch.

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# Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE

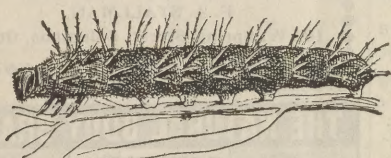


August.

"THE white moths flutter about the lamp,  
Enamored with light;  
And a thousand creatures softly sing  
A song to the night."

To many people a caterpillar is an abhorrent thing, almost as bad as a snake, and to be avoided if possible, and if possible killed.

Take the trouble to carry home one or two, tend and feed them, watch them carefully, and you will be astonished how your loathing will change to interest. Anything that we care for, which is dependent on us for food, becomes an object of solicitude. When the creature is as varied in its



ELM AND POPLAR WORM.

ways as a caterpillar the interest is absorbing.

For the last few days I have had on my desk a box containing two caterpillars which I found on an ampelopsis vine. They were pretty black and white striped creatures with brown heads, and I put in the box with them some leaves from the vine. For the first day they eat hugely, and then even though I gave them vine leaves, daintily sprinkled with water they refused food. I grew worried and tried to tempt them with other varieties of leaves, but no, eat they would not, but how they walked. Hour after hour they tramped through that box, across the netting with which it was covered, sticking their feet into the meshes and drawing them out with quite a snap. Two days they walked without cessation, and then I discovered the reason why: it was that unrest which takes so many species of larvae just before they pupate, or go into the stage which then becomes the perfect insect, moth or butterfly.

These two little creatures stuck some leaves to the bottom of the box which was of pasteboard, surrounded themselves beneath the leaves with a gummy shell mixed with what looked like tufts



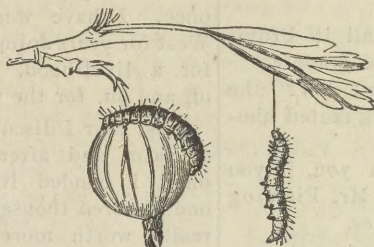
CARROT AND PARSLEY WORM.

of cotton, and there they are, while I am counting the days before the pretty winged imago emerges. One of the charms of these creatures is the fact that you do not have to wait long for results. Twelve weeks will see all the successive changes from egg to winged insect, and it will all go on under your very eyes. You do not need to leave the house for your nature study, after you get hold of your specimens. It is just the same as bird hunting, the experienced one will find a dozen species, where the ordinary mortal will see but robins and sparrows. Sharp eyes and patience are two qualities most necessary when you ap-

proach nature, and attempt to pry into her mysteries.

The hunting of eggs seems a difficult process, but it is not so, and when you begin with the egg, and are a novice to this work, each step seems little short of a miracle. You can find eggs almost anywhere, provided there

are trees and bushes at hand, on cherry trees, willow, poplar, birch; on tomato plants, woodbine, lilac, ash and oak trees. The eggs are concealed from notice in different ways, sometimes by color, resembling so closely the leaves on which they are put that they escape notice. Some eggs are placed on the under side of the leaf so that it must be turned over to be found, and others resemble the color of the twigs on which they are set. When the eggs are collected it is well also to provide yourself with some branches of the young leaves of the tree or bush where the eggs are found, for as soon as the eggs are hatched the larvae require food and plenty of it, though in some cases they eat the shells of the eggs from which they have emerged before they turn to a vegetable diet. When once they begin to eat, they grow very fast, and in four or five days moult, or shed their skin, for they do not increase in size gradually but by jumps. A larva not quite a quarter of an inch long will after its first moult be double that. Each time it moults, at periods of four or five days apart, it will double its size, and a caterpillar that started one fourth of an inch in size, may at the end of twelve or fifteen days and five moults, be huge fellow four and a quarter inches long, and as large round as your forefinger. All this may pass under



GOOSEBERRY WORM.

your eyes, but you must feed it well, keep the box in which it lives clean, and the food, water-sprinkled.

After the caterpillar has grown its full size it then becomes a pupa. The length of time it remains in this stage varies much, sometimes as in the Prometheus or Cecropia moths lasting months, all winter in fact.

In other cases it lasts but a couple of weeks perhaps, and then—the perfect insect. The pupa wriggles out of the larva-skin, and at first is very soft, but in the course of a few hours it hardens, in some cases like that of the Tomato worm become dark brown, and looks like a beautiful bit of bronze.

Inside this case, or cocoon, or bunch of spun silk, what marvelous things are going on! All those organs which will not be needed in the winged creature are destroyed, and the new organs needed by the moth grow rapidly before it emerges.

After the pupa state is passed comes the emergence of the moth; and to know how remarkable this is, one should observe and time it. The first sign you have that such a process is near at hand is the rat-a-tat-tat which goes on in the cocoon; it is quite unmistakable. Many of the pupae are particularly prepared for this emergence by having little hooks on the tip of the abdomen. These

catch in the silk of the cocoon, and hold the pupa-skin in place, within the cocoon, so that the moth can crawl out without it.

The moths have numerous ways of making an opening in the cocoons. Some moisten the silk threads at the top of the cocoon and thrust their strong heads through, twisting them about till the opening is large enough. Others have spines or knobs on their heads with which they cut the silk, and still others bear on their shoulders spines with half a dozen saw teeth, and they cut through the cocoon with these. A few of our most common moths have one end of the cocoon open, and only lightly covered with spun silk cut in short lengths, so that it requires little effort to press through.

Many of the larger varieties of moths are quite regular as to the hours when they emerge. The morning hours, from dawn to noon, being their favorites. These moths do not feed, their sole mission being to perpetuate the species, as the whole duty of the caterpillar is to eat and grow. The female begins to lay her eggs, not very long after her emergence, remaining quiet, if not disturbed till she is ready. She is not at all partic-



MILKWEED WORM.

ular where she puts them, and only a week or so ago a Cecropia moth laid hers on the window frame, and curtains in my library, and then finished her labors by putting forty-seven, on the cast-iron ornament of a small gas-stove, which was one of the "left-overs," from the coal famine of last winter. In August you will find many large caterpillars walking about, in the street, on your lawn, by the roadside and up and down trees. Any of these captured and taken home will give you interest for many weeks, and after this you will never feel it is such a repulsive object.



TOMATO WORM.

## The Rose and the Stone.

Here, in the tangle of a deserted field, blooms a red rose;

It is a sort that one may find in old gardens.

Near it is a flat stone, half embedded in the earth.

Once there was a house there—

And a man—and a woman.

The man brought the stone for a door step;

The woman planted a rose by their threshold.

The house is gone now—the spot is overgrown and forgotten.

And the woman is dead,

And the man is old and in a far country.

But the stone remains,

And the rose is still blooming.

Albert Bigelow Paine in Lippincott's Magazine.

W.—"How do you tell the age of a hen?"

V.—"By the teeth."

W.—"A hen hasn't any teeth."

V.—"No, but I have."



## Backfire

One of the Prize Stories in our Recent Contest.

By Mrs. F. A. Reynolds.



(Continued from July issue.)

"I left home Wednesday afternoon to go to stay with a friend in the suburbs a few days and took a cab instead of ordering out our carriage. On our way the cab suddenly stopped and a man got in. I expostulated with him, telling him I had hired the vehicle. All at once he sprang up and approached me and I screamed. That is the last I remember until a short time ago I awoke and found myself in a miserable damp cellar-like room on a pile of old bags. No one was in the room with me. The doors were locked and the windows barred, but at last I discovered a little low door behind an old table. I got it open and crept out into a damp passage-way which finally led out to the open air. I was terribly afraid all the time that I should be seen and taken back but, apparently, whoever took me there left in a hurry, and—"

"Who do you think took you there, Miss Fielding?" asked Mr. Bernard. "Have you any idea?"

He was looking her squarely in the face; and she faltered, "I do not know! I cannot even guess with any degree of certainty for the man was evidently masked, or, disguised, I mean, and I could not surely place him, but—"

"But?" questioned Mr. Bernard persistently.

"I think perhaps, it might be Harold Hamilton," added Miss Fielding, starting perceptibly, as she saw Mr. Bernard fall back in his chair, gasping.

"Harold Hamilton?"

"Yes, certainly! Harold Hamilton. He has been trying to pay attention to me for the past year and I have rather snubbed him. I am afraid it is his method of revenge!"

Mr. Bernard rose from his chair, very pale but master of himself again.

"You must get home to your father at once," he said authoritatively. "I will go with you to the station and you must telegraph to your father to meet you with the carriage."

"Then he will have to know!" she said.

"Certainly he must know, but I think he will keep the matter quiet for your sake. I will not return until a later train so as to avoid any remark. I will telegraph to him that I am detained."

This program was carried out and after Miss Fielding had taken the train, Mr. Bernard returned to the hotel with an evening paper he had bought on the street.

Going at once to the dining-room he sat down at a retired table and ordered a meal, glancing, meanwhile, at his paper.

Suddenly he started and convul-

sively clutched the paper, then smoothed it out and read carefully the advertisement which had attracted his attention.

The waiter, just then appeared with his dinner.

"Take it away!" he commanded. "I do not want it!" "Wait, though! I believe I will take the coffee!"

The astonished waiter put the dishes upon the table and, as in a trance, Mr. Bernard swallowed the coffee and forced down a few mouthfuls of food.

He left the hotel after searching the city directory.

The third morning after escorting Miss Fielding to the station, Mr. Bernard stood before her father in the familiar office in Cincinnati.

Mr. Fielding arose and impulsively held out his hand. "Madge has told me! I have to thank you for your kind care of her and for your discreetness in the whole affair! It would have been very disagreeable to have had it public, and to avoid such unpleasantness we are letting some scamp go unpunished."

Mr. Bernard returned the hand pressure, saying, "I did nothing for which I should receive thanks." Then he added, "How is Miss Fielding? Has she suffered any from the adventure?"

"She was quite nervously exhausted for the last two days, but she says she is all right this morning. How fortunate you happened to be there instead of a stranger!"

"Some people would call it Providence!" said Mr. Bernard gravely.

"Are you at liberty just now?" he continued as Mr. Fielding seated himself again at his desk.

"I am engaged with you, if you wish to see me!" said Mr. Fielding with one of his rare smiles.

Mr. Bernard seated himself near with a simple, "Thank you!"

He took from his pocket a package of papers or letters and selecting one which he held in his hand he said, "When I came here you did not question me about myself. If you had, there were many things I could not have told you. Some things I now know for the first time and you are the next one to know them."

I can just remember my father before he mysteriously disappeared. My mother never explained to me why he went, but she was always sad and worked hard to support us both. After about five years she died and I was left to the care of an aunt of my father's who probably knew all the story but she never told me anything, even when I became curious and questioned her. Once she said, "Your father was my favorite nephew but he wronged his wife who was an angel if ever one lived on earth." My great-aunt sent me to business college after my public school course and then I became a bookkeeper, working for two different firms before I came here. My aunt is dead and I am quite alone. The other evening when I had seen

Miss Fielding aboard the train I bought a paper and happened to see an advertisement."

He took a clipping from his vest pocket and read,

"If Laurence O. Bernard will call at the office of Turner & Keenan, No. 414 Broadway, he will learn something to his advantage."

It was too late to go to an office but I looked up Mr. Turner's residence address and went there. He was at home and kindly consented to see me. We agreed that I was the person wanted and next morning I went to his office where he had the papers.

The short of the matter is that my father has been in the far West all these years and just as he was dying, sent for a lawyer and wrote or dictated a letter to me, and had it sent East together with news of a fortune which he has left me. I will read the letter.

Helena, Montana, Aug. 16, 18—. My dear son:

I take it for granted that I have a son living. There was a boy Laurence Bernard when I rashly left home and wife and happiness.

Perhaps you do not know why. You are old enough now to know. A rascal, to avenge himself upon me for a fancied wrong started the story and made me believe it—that my wife was untrue to me. In my hot, ungovernable rage I rushed home and taxed her with the awful story and rushed away and out of the city at once. I have wandered around the West for years doing all sorts of things for a livelihood, but prospecting, off and on, for the precious metals.

Last year I discovered and located a claim and after sufficient development I bonded it to a company for one hundred thousand dollars. It is really worth more, but I retained a number of shares in it.

They took it, but I was ill with pneumonia at the time and have only got about now. I am so weak I am warned to make a will and try to hunt you up.

I met the villain who lied to me about your mother. He was dying and confessed he had lied and told me my wife had died. So I have lived on until now I feel as if I must communicate with you. Come out at once when you get this. You are my heir—"

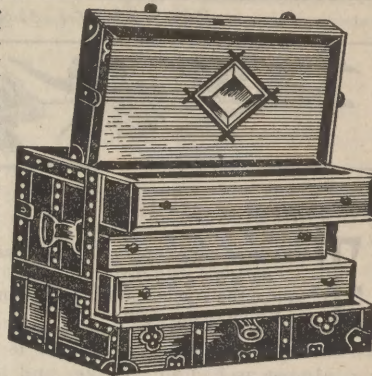
Mr. Bernard folded the letter with trembling hand. "That is all. He never finished the letter."

I have a letter from the lawyer. He says my father died of heart trouble suddenly and this letter was found unfinished under his hand. He also says the money from the sale of the bonded mine is in a bank in Helena and the mine is being developed by the company. I can draw any or all of the money at any time, and I—"

He paused and Mr. Fielding exclaimed—

"I congratulate you Mr. Bernard! You deserve good fortune! I am sorry only that I must find a new

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clerk, for of course you will not want to fill that capacity now!"

"I don't know!" said Mr. Bernard hesitatingly. "I suppose you have no need for new capital! I do not know of any business in which I should prefer to invest."

"My dear fellow!" exclaimed Mr. Fielding. "If you really mean that, the way is open to arrange the matter Mr. Jeffries wanted to sell out and retire last year but I entreated him to remain in the firm a time longer. He will be glad to sell to you I am sure."

Great changes occur quickly and in this case it required only a few weeks' correspondence and transfer of papers to constitute Laurence Bernard partner in the firm whose sign now reads, "Fielding & Bernard."

What followed was quite natural in the order of events, as everybody agreed.

Mr. Bernard was invited to call at the Fielding mansion. He discovered that Miss Fielding was a very sensible young lady and that they were congenial on many points. They were both musical and the necessity of frequent practicing of the duets with which they delighted their friends caused many and intimate meetings. People were not much surprised to hear of the engagement in the following spring, and, as a general thing, people were quite pleased.

One day, several weeks after the engagement had been announced, Mr. Bernard called upon Miss Fielding and, having the freedom of the house, he walked, unannounced into the library. There he found Madge Fielding curled up in a big chair with the afternoon paper doubled up in her hand, her face the picture of woe. The tears which had been near the surface before, overflowed when she saw Laurence entering the room.

He crossed the room quickly and taking her trembling hands asked anxiously, "What is it, dearest?"

For answer she placed the paper in his hands and burst into a fresh flood of tears.

He glanced at the headlines, black and staring, with the greatest surprise and read,

**"GREAT SCANDAL! ONE OF OUR PROMISING YOUNG BUSINESS MEN IS SAID TO BE AN EX-CONVICT!"**

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"What does it mean Madge?" asked Laurence with pale face and trembling lips.

"They mean you! Oh! Laurence! They mean you!" moaned Madge. "It is that Harold Hamilton!" she went on. I have heard his insinuations sometime, but had no idea he would get it into the paper. Papa did not prosecute him when he abducted me; but you will not spare him, will you, dear? Have him punished to the full extent of the law, for defamation of character, won't you?"

Still Laurence Bernard did not reply. Madge grew nervous and fearful and looked into the face of her lover.

There was silence for a minute or two. Both were thinking of a scene occurring more than four years ago.

A roaring, dancing fire racing to meet the destructive flame which threatened a quiet farmhouse. Between them the material feeding the flames was soon destroyed.

Like an inspiration, as he saw the picture in retrospect, came the thought, "I'll meet it by a backfire! The fire cannot rage long!"

He glanced at Madge. She was thinking of a sentence which she had almost forgotten.

"Then you don't know but he is an escaped convict!" How she had resented it!

"Why don't you speak Laurence? Say it is not true and that you will punish him!"

Laurence Bernard arose and again taking the little hands that still trembled with nervousness—

"Trust me dear, to attend to the matter! Look out for the morning paper! Now good-bye until tomorrow!"

He pressed a kiss on the quivering lips and walked quickly out of the room.

Going to his boarding place Laurence wrote rapidly for half an hour and then taking a car made his way to the office of the largest city daily.

At the Fielding mansion Madge walked the floor of her room most of the night and watched for the paper by dawn of day. She met the boy on the brown stone steps and almost snatched the paper from his hand.

There it was! Under sensational headlines she eagerly and hastily read.

"Last night's paper contained a dastardly attempt to defame the character of one who has, by hard work, won his place among the best people. He meets the charge by a story which is true and which can be proved at every point.

More than six years ago, Laurence Bernard was a bookkeeper in a bank in a small town in New England. One of the members of the board of directors and an officer in the bank was Mr. Horace Hamilton. He had been a generous friend to Laurence Bernard and he appreciated him.

One night the bank safe was robbed of two thousand dollars. Laurence Bernard was accused of the crime. He could have exonerated himself, because he saw the thief and had means of proving it. He had seen the son of his honored friend and employer in the act and had decided to shield him for his father's sake, if possible, not thinking that he would be accused. When, however, he was taken, he hoped that the real thief would come forward and acknowledge it, but he did not—on the contrary, he aided in tightening the chain of evidence about Laurence Bernard. Mr. Hamilton Sr., was ill at the time and died soon after Bernard was put

into prison, but he did not hear of it until his release. During his imprisonment he kept books, and on account of good behavior was released a year sooner than the original sentence called for.

Harold Hamilton, meanwhile has insinuated himself into the society of Cincinnati's "upper ten" and endeavored to win the affections of the young lady to whom Mr. Bernard is now affianced. Failing in this he resorted to abduction of the young lady, but the affair was kept quiet at the time. Now, however, he must be shown in his true colors.

His honorable father is not living to be pained by his son's actions and Mr. Bernard has no longer any scruples against his having his deserts, although as he has himself suffered the penalty for the bank robbery, he cannot suffer that.

The people of Cincinnati will sit in judgment on the two stories, and, knowing the two men, it will not take long."

Madge still stood in the hall, gazing at the printed page when the bell was softly rung. She quickly opened the door and Laurence stood there.

His countenance expressed the question he would not put into words.

"It's all right! It's all right Laurence!" cried Madge putting one hand on each shoulder and looking steadily into his eyes. You have met the fire of defamation with the backfire of truth! I have loved you since the day you knew what to do on uncle Ashmore's farm!

"Yes I am, Marjorie! Didn't you know it? I've loved you the longest, haven't I dear?"

## WITHOUT MONEY AND WITHOUT PRICE.

(Continued from page two.)

For trees we have the large flowering dogwood thorn apple, and several others, all bearing trans-planting well, and improving in size, and number of flowers, under cultivation.

So it would really seem that if we but use our eyes, we have but to "pick and choose" from the many floral beauties scattered all around us, by the hand of a beneficent Creator "without money and without price," and by so doing we shall not only beautify our homes, inculcate a love for the beautiful in our children, but we shall lay up stores of pleasant memories and health for ourselves, and gain perchance some golden grains of knowledge from Nature's book.

Mary Lewis.

## Yucca.

Noon on the desert; still and hot, and sweet; The dry twigs snap and crackle under feet; The eyes close dazzled, seeking shade in vain, And must refuse to see, since sight is pain.

The lupines and the larkspurs and the host Of fairy blooms that dyed the sand with waves, Only waves of gold and amethyst are lost, And is there naught to mark their myriad graves?

Lo! yonder yucca, vigorous and tall, Erects her ivory obelisk for them all. Bravely she rears, nourished by unknown wells, Her snowy pillar, carved all of bells.

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## Salads for Mid-Summer

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**Beet Salad.**—Boil the beets until perfectly tender, leaving the stems and peeling on, when boiled. Pour cold water over them while hot and the skins will slip off easily. If the stems are cut before the beets are oiled, the red juice will exude, leaving them pale pink. Slice the tender beets in thin slices, sprinkle with sugar and pour over them, good cider vinegar.

**Tomato Salad.**—Tomatoes are among the few salad plants that are good for breakfast. Peeled, sliced and seasoned with olive oil, sugar and vinegar, our family physician uses tomatoes on his breakfast, lunch and dinner table. They require less vinegar than other salad plants, as their own acid juice is both appetizing and wholesome. Liberal use of raw tomatoes is highly conducive to health, in midsummer.

**Salad Vegetables.**—Cabbage, snap beans, beets, tomatoes, watercress and cucumbers are eaten with vinegar and therefore called salad vegetables. Irish potatoes also make salad, but are not so simple in the manner of serving as all the others. They require eggs, mustard, butter and the other usual salad ingredients. For the hot summer days, simplicity in all kinds of fare, is to be preferred; rich seasoning avoided. Salad vegetables are used with meats of all kinds. The Hebrews seem to have used cucumbers with fish: "We remember the fish we did eat in Egypt freely; and the cucumbers and the melons." Num. IX, 5.

Beans, Irish potatoes and beets are always cooked when served with vinegar. Cabbage is served both cooked and raw. Cucumbers, tomatoes, watercress, lettuce and sweet peppers are always fresh when served with vinegar. I have omitted one of the most wholesome and delicious of this class

of vegetables, that is, the Burr Artichoke (synonym Cardoon.) Boil them for two hours, and serve without any seasoning, heaped on a large dish, and after the roast and regular dinner course, place a small saucer containing vinegar, salt and olive oil, cayenne or black pepper, before each person. The spike end is taken with the fingers, the whole blade pulled off, dipped in the sauce and eaten. One burr to each person is enough. The "choke" or tender heart is eaten last and is a delicious morsel.

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### Answers to Correspondents.

Mrs. Mary M., Atlanta, Ga.—Planked fish, or steak, is broiled on a piece of hard wood board. The wood used for butter firkins is free from flavor of any kind, and therefore suitable. Half a head of a flour barrel makes a nice clean piece of wood. What is known in the South as "Johnny Cake" is a cornmeal dough baked, in front of hot coals, on half a head of a flour barrel, propped up to get the heat evenly, on the hearth of an open fire place, where wood is burned.

Planked fish or steak should be broiled on a plank thoroughly heated, and well greased, and set under the flame of the gas stove.

Mr. R. F. D., Providence, R. I.,—The Leek that we make use of, cooked and served like onions, is the same as the national emblem of Wales. The Welsh, in 519, gained a victory over the Saxons, on which occasion to prevent confusion, a certain company of soldiers, had each, a leek in his hat band.

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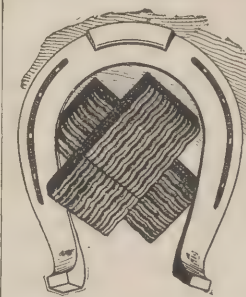
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### There's No Dearth of Kindness.

There's no dearth of kindness  
In this world of ours;  
Only in our blindness  
We gather thorns for flowers!

Outward, we are spurning—  
Trampling one another!  
While we are inly yearning  
At the name of "brother!"

There's no dearth of kindness  
Of love among mankind,  
But in darkling loneliness  
Hooded hearts grow blind!

Full of kindness tingling  
Soul is shut from soul,  
When they might be mingling  
In one kindred whole!

As the wild-rose bloweth,  
As runs the happy river,  
Kindness freely floweth  
In the heart forever.

But if men will hanker  
Ever for golden dust;  
Kingliest hearts will canker,  
Brightest spirits rust.

### Busy Mothers.

"The seamy side of summer," a tritely true phrase when it refers to the perspiring labor of canning fruit! In ye good old times our respected ancestors made elaborate cakes and time-consuming preserves and the easier, healthier modern canned process would have caused scorn. The measure of a housewife was how much severe labor she could perform with pious exactness. Our lives are full of care and haste despite the many changes which assist us in easy housework. Time is less obtainable, quietness vanished. Truly the only reminder of old time "smartness" is the farmer's wife as a class. She seems to accomplish wonders and still find leisure hours; however, in summer few women who realize that "ready to eat" foods are no substitutes for the delicious products made by her at home, in cleanliness and purity past criticism, can find leisure time. She who is wise may steal a daily siesta in a convenient hammock.

"Do you really bake your own bread?" This query by turns amuses, again irritates me. Of course I do—and I do not relish baker's bread, cake or pie. "And is there any sense in canning—for instance tomatoes?" Indeed yes! even in pennies; but the vital reason is the uncleanly tricks common in factories.

A friend who employs much female help told me a woman told her that she went to the canning factory yearly at tomato time because it cured the raw eczema on her hands! Again, I know of a dirty shirt sleeve being

found in a large gallon can of tomatoes. Applebutter was made from cores, peelings and countless maggots. Chemicals and adulterants are in full half the jellies and jams made in factories.

As for bread—there is an alum-adulterated inferior grade of flour specially made for the baker's trade. It is too yeasty, too underbaked, too unsubstantial. Moreover, it is seldom clean. The dainty lady may far more sensibly entrust cook with the gentle art of cake and dessert making and keep the honor of perfect bread for herself. Ah! the things I could tell of the behind the scenes in bakeries would convert you all into believers in homemade bread—for the children's sake.

We are freed of many of dear grandmother's duties. Breadmaking is a privilege. The "lightning yeast" method makes lovely bread or rolls in three hours. Sometime my lovely whole wheat bread recipe must be printed. Emperor William of Germany is sensible and a benefactor when he has so proven his love of, and faith in, the old fashioned woman that he orders a kitchen built and the Princesses taught actual cookery, not fancy trifles.

And all this, sisters, because of my recent task in a hot kitchen with ruddy faced cans of jelly, jam and spiced, etc. The seamy side is necessary if the home garment be fairly fashioned. Let us teach our daughters to be proud of home arts.

"The angry word suppressed, the taunting thought;  
Subduing and subdued the petty strife,  
Which clouds the color of domestic life;  
The sober comfort, all the peace which springs  
From the large aggregate of little things;  
On these small cares of daughter, wife, or friend,  
The almost sacred joys of home depend.

### Young Mothers.

The pity of it all! The sweet time of hope and love spent in pain and dread; the lost chance for deep breathing, self control, sane diet, loose dress, and baths and exercises sure to make her own and baby's future a victory—all ended at last by, and according to, ye great, great grandmother's traditional law of fear. She lives—for God is good and Nature lenient—and finds not only another weak helpless body and soul waiting her skill in training but a new, queer personal weakness of the body. Here, alas, she may say, "I can not nurse my baby." Poor babies! Ah, the pity and needless pain and worry.

The prenatal time is your time, young mother. Will now, wish wisely now! Create with God's blessing a sane, cheerful, loving individual in a perfect body or a moody, cynical, hateful, avaricious, distrustful nature whose body may be constantly tormented by "inherited diseases." Dare you when warned, blame God? And why so morbid in sentimental belief in the curse of pain for motherhood. Give all things fair trial. Unless one of the few requiring a surgeon's aid, you who live rightly should not be in need of a doctor but find a trained midwife better. Then, too, if before and after, you live on principles, not whims, you should have a healthy, happy baby, a home jewel. Good babies mean healthy ones who are treated properly, neither spoiled nor neglected. Some mothers are fussy—tied by chains of untried theories, locked by fears—some are careless, and it is the happy medium whose babies are good. Crying does not always mean crossness.

Before the birth every mother should learn to harden and to draw the nipple. Oh, the terrible pain she who fails may have to endure—at a time when prostrated, it may be by the child's birth.

Afterward beware of your nurse! She can train in one month such habits as you need several months to undo again. Baby looks unconscious! Yes, but he soon puts two and two together. Crying brings someone—brings food and cuddling and unnecessary but pleasant petting; therefore he cries.

Colic often lasts throughout first month. Do not feed him whenever he cries. Have a nursing bottle and nipple, and when he cries severely give hot water. Try carefully to not startle at first. To coax put a mite of sugar on the nipple until he learns to favor hot water. In severe colic use a small injection of warm salt water, lay a hot flannel over bowels, and heat the feet.

Young mothers, unless you have carefully lived exercising purposely and dieting, until a victoriously easy birth was your reward, do not too soon begin the former round of duties. The heaven sent role of mother is far more than that of wife, though involving both states. Save yourself for a few months.

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## For the Children

### Maria's Adopted Children.

Granda Altman, looking somewhat worried, came into the kitchen where Carl and his mamma were sitting.

"What is the matter, Grandma?" Carl asked, looking up from his slate.

"Matter enough, Topknot is dead," said grandma. "And now we'll have another flock of chickens to bring up by hand."

"Dead! Topknot dead!" said mamma and Carl together.

Topknot was a pet hen, and had just come off her nest with a beautiful brood of fifteen chickens.

"Yes," grandma said. "I noticed this morning that she was not well, and just now I found her lying dead, and all her little chicks crying around her. I suppose I shall have to bring them in." And taking a basket from the cellar way, grandma left the room. Mamma went on paring apples, but Carl did not go back to his examples. He was thinking very earnestly about something, mamma knew by the pucker in his forehead.

"What's puzzling you, little man?" she asked.

Carl looked up. "I was thinking how queer it is," he said, "poor old Maria's been hunting her kittens all day, and is so lonesome, and now, here are all these little chicks and no mamma."

Mamma smiled a little at Carl's perplexity. Just then grandma came in with her basketful of chickens. Such pretty little yellow, downy things they were, with beady black eyes and yellow legs, but all "peep-peeping," so sadly. She put the basket down by the fire, and went out to find something with which to cover the little chicks.

While she was gone Maria, the gray cat, came into the room. Maria had had a cunning family of three little kittens until that day, but mamma gave them away, and poor Maria was very lonely without her babies. When she came into the room and saw the basket in which her kittens had slept, she ran quickly to it, put her front paws on the edge, and was about to spring in, when she saw, instead of her babies, the little chickens.

When she ran toward the basket, Carl had started forward to stop her, but mamma laid her hand on his arm. "Wait," she said. "Maria won't hurt the chicks."

Maria drew back disappointed again. But for some reason, perhaps because she was discouraged about finding her kittens, or because she was sorry for the chicks, soft, furry little things, like her own babies, or because she herself was lonely and wanted something to love—Carl and his mamma could only guess at the reason—she looked into the basket again, mewed,

put one foot and then another in, carefully pushed the little chicks gently aside to make room for herself, and climbed in and curled around as many of the chicks as she could, and began to purr in a perfectly satisfied way.

And the lonesome little chicks nestled up to her and cuddled into her soft fur, tucked their little heads under her neck, making soft, sleepy sounds and seemed quite happy.

Mamma and Carl stood watching afraid to say a word, for fear of spoiling the pretty sight before grandma returned. But Maria was not to be frightened away from her new family.

She slept with them all night, and in the morning, after they had eaten bread and milk, out of the same dish, she washed them well with her tongue just as she would her kittens, and they did not seem to mind it. She took them out in the yard, where they scratched and chattered to their heart's content, or climbed and played over Maria as she lay under the bushes. The more they played about her the happier she seemed to be, or if one wandered away, she would go after it, calling as she would her kittens. At noon Carl saw her bringing them to the house and all the while she kept making the queer sound by which a cat calls her kittens.

"I declare, I wouldn't be a bit surprised to hear her cluck," said grandma, who had been looking.

At night Maria brought them back to the basket, and Carl put them in one by one. When the last one was in she sprang in herself. For over three months, until the last one was feathered and large enough to roost with the old chickens, Maria took care of them, watching them all day, covering them at night, washing them and attending them as carefully as she would her kittens. And every one of the fifteen grew and thrived and seemed as happy with Maria as if she had been their mother.

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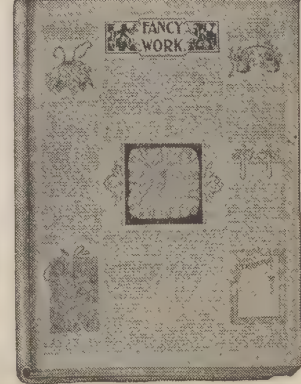
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### SHAKESPEARE.

There was once an illustrious boy named William Shakespeare Who was born, April 23, 1564, at Stratford-Upon-Avon, Where he, in fact, dwelt with his parents of humility. He in boyhood was sent to the free grammar school, Where he was naturally learned; He, the various languages except his own could learn with ease.

As Illustrious Shakespeare was growing to manhood, He relinquished his school.

He was spending his days in his native town,

Where might he have played happily with his dear little folks, Him Providence led to the stage, In which he rose to be a very celebrated actor.

The actor was absolutely successful in the stage, For which he wrote some original plays, Which rendered fame.

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He, despising as an actor,

Aspired to distinction as an author.

He already became a great dramatic poet.

From London, he returned

To take a repose in his native Stratford,

Where he seemed indeed to live happily.

The Death-Angel came to touch him,

And he breathed his last on April 23, 1616.

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"Weel, Jawn, how did ye get along wi' the ditch the day?"

"All right," I said, "I got it all done, just as ye told me."

"Weel, coom along wi' me," says the boss. "I've a little job for ye to do. Bring ye're shovel wi' ye."

"Well, we started off in the dusk, and we walked across the fields and over meadows till we came to the ditch a mile and a half away from the house. When we got there, the boss says to me, 'Jawn,

clean aff ye're shovel and the job's done!"

"I give ye my word," concluded Jack, "that I've never forgotten that lesson, and whenever the temptation comes to slight anything or to not put back into place in good condition any tool I've been using I just think of that three-mile tramp away back in Maine. 'Twas tough, sir, but 'twas the best bit o' training I ever got."



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# FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

## Seasonable Suggestions.

Now is the time to make a vigorous fight to keep down all weeds that are likely to go to seed. Very few weeds are apt to survive a thorough cultivation and hoeing in August. This is very important in the strawberry patch and among the bush fruits.

There are some insects that work late in the summer and that have to be killed on the trees or taken off and killed afterwards. Where the trees are bearing fruit that is ripening or nearly to that stage it is not practicable to kill them by spraying, and other means must be used. The fall web worm is one of these pests of orchard and shade trees, too. As the caterpillars gather in clusters and form a web that can easily be seen, it is not difficult to see where they are when quite young. They may be burned out with a torch on a pole, if too high to reach by hand. A small branch can be cut off in some cases without injuring the tree, and the nest tramped under foot.

While the fruits are ripening make a careful study of them and note those varieties and the particular trees or plants of each that suit the uses of the family best. A record should be made of such and each one marked in addition, that there may be no difficulty in them when it is desired to take scions or plants for extending their culture. In this way many choice varieties have been saved from obscurity or loss altogether. Some may be seedlings that have sprung up accidentally. Others may be rare trees or plants of well known varieties that show peculiar traits. There are chances of finding superior varieties in the wild state, especially of blackberries; some of our standard varieties were thus formed and brought to notice. In the case of the tree fruits some nurserymen can be got to propagate young trees from scions sent him, for setting out to increase the orchard, when this way be desirable.

## How Budding is Done.

There are many country and village people who do not know how to bud and would like to try it, and for their benefit I will describe the operation, so they can do it. There may be a few small seedling peach, pear or apple trees that would be better to make over into some of the choice varieties, or, it may be that a thrifty rose bush bearing flowers that are faulty in some respect stands where it could easily and quickly be changed into a more beautiful variety by budding.

The principle of budding is the same as in grafting, that is; the bringing together of the tender cambium layers of stock and scion at a time and in a way that will cause them to grow together. In grafting it is a piece of wood with several buds on it that is inserted and in the budding only one bud with a little bark attached is used.

Budding must be done when the bark will peel readily, which is evidence that the cambium layer is soft and full of rapidly forming cells. The scion or "bud stick" should be in something like the same condition, but its buds must be sufficiently matured to grow when forced to do so. In August and September these conditions are most common in the larger part of our country. When a droughty spell is on it may be that the bark will not peel and budding is impracticable, but good rain may soon change the condition of the stocks, so that it can easily be done.

The operation may be done almost anywhere on the tree or bark, but where the growth is very thrifty and especially on the young wood of the present year's growth is the proper place. Near the ground on young seedlings is the place to bud them. In the tops of larger trees the main branches may be budded near their junction with the main stem. Very large trees should be grafted. I never like to set a bud in a branch much larger than my finger, and the bark should be young and thin, which can only be on a very thrifty growth.

Have a knife sharp enough to shave with, and a bundle of tying material. Raffia is the best thing to tie with, but the inner corn husk or strips of muslin will do very well. Some use common strings, but they are too liable to cut into the bark and do not cover the mound well.

Make a strip about an inch long on the spot where the bud is to be set, and across the top of this make a crosscut half as long, or less. This cross cut should be made with a downward slope or acute angle, and not with the knife pressed squarely against the stock. This will, by a slight outward pressure, start the two corners of the bark at the top of the slit to peeling, and make any other effort to peel them up unnecessary. With the knife, cut a bud with a patch of bark an inch long from the scion, beginning at a point half an inch below the bud. Cut only deep enough to barley take off the bud and a very little of

the wood beneath it. The wood may be taken out with the point of the knife or left in, as it seems to be immaterial in most cases. Press the bud down under the bark of the stock, with its point opening the way for it, until the flaps of bark will cover it fully. Then tie them firmly down, both above and below the bud. After two weeks cut the ties, and when any buds fail to grow the stocks may be rebudded, if the bark will peel readily. The next spring the top should be cut off just above the bud and all other sprouts kept from growing.

## Potted Strawberry Plants.

The season for potted strawberry plants is at hand. There is nothing that we can secure in so short a time and so little outlay in labor, in the way of fruit, as strawberries from potted plants. They can be set out almost any time during the summer and early autumn and be in good condition to bear a crop of berries the next year. For those who have small places and have so far neglected or not been able to set a strawberry bed for a home supply these plants are just the thing. They can be had of some nurseries or may yet be produced at or near home.

There is no mystery whatever about potting strawberry plants, nor is the work hard to do. All that is necessary is a few good parent plants that are growing thriftily and making strong runners and room and soil to root the young ones in pots. Four or five inch florist's pots are the best sizes to use and are easily got, but almost anything of the kind will serve the purpose except tin cans, and they would do if the plants could be got out of them easily. If the solder is first melted, so they will open easily they will do. Old berry boxes will do if nothing better is obtainable.

Fill the pots, or whatever is used, with rich soil. Dig holes where the new plants are forming and set the pots so deep that their tops will be level with the ground. Place a rooting runner tip on the top of each and put a clod or pebble on it to hold it in place. All that is then necessary is to let them root, and when ready, to move them to the new place, turn them out and set them, where they should be well tilled until all growth stops. They ought to bear well the next year.

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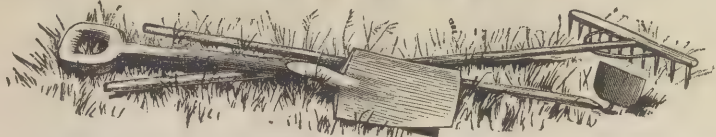
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The very grass beneath my feet  
Is growing sere and brown.  
The withered flowers—the half dried stems,  
The unrefreshing breeze,  
The scorching sun—I sigh to think,  
My gifts are such as these."

There's a plaintiveness in the song of August; saddening to the heart of the listener, as she comes to us dust crowned and sandal worn. It is well thus; for to Nature's bounties expanded to the limit, the reaction must come, and thus decay is written by the footsteps of Time in his passage. Not decay; only the approaching twilight of the long winter's night of rest which Nature must needs take. So we welcome the rust and dust of August, for they are but tokens of the ripening fruits and grains.

### Resting Time.

Well that is not here yet. By and by, that will come I think, but not now—maybe in the winter. But now, to keep the garden full and the ground busy there's plenty to do. Do you recall the old saw, An idle brain is the devil's workshop? Well that is certainly true of the empty and idle garden.

So right over there, is a patch of peas with vines all turned brown. They should be removed now and some other crop take their place. The earlier wax or string beans are golden podded now, they might be pulled and dried out for winter storage. Some other crop—winter radishes, if you like, or some variety of early beets for autumn greens—will easily grow until pinching frosts come. Some of them with good culture will grow large enough to store, and the tops make a delicious dish of greens at any time. Turnips in nearly all localities, will still make good growth, as ordinary frosts do not check them.

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### Things to Remember.

An ordinary steel table fork—three or four tines—makes the best possible hand weeder for working among young plants. It is light, sharp and convenient, and will catch and hold the smallest of weeds or even larger ones.

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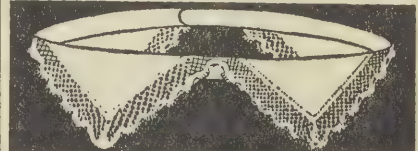
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ceptions. Some plants, as celery, etc., must have water and plenty of it to be at its best. Then, too, the most persistent culture will sometimes fail to supply the necessary moisture, and artificial watering must be resorted to, else failure will result. When watering becomes necessary it is better to dig a trench along the rows, close to the plants as possible without injuring the roots and pour in the water in quantities. After watering sufficiently the trenches should be filled and the surface kept level and fine. Previously, I spoke of idle soil and empty ground. I desire to emphasize this, and say, by all means avoid it. When ground is once vacated, if no crop can be put in that will mature, then sow on something to plow or spade in. It is the best possible practice to keep the ground busy all the season through, and the entire garden will be much improved if it remains covered during the winter.

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homes and mine. I wish it were possible to visit all the gardens of our gardener readers, for valuable lessons might be learned. Doubtless some would be good, others would be better and many we hope would be models. In visiting my own gardens, for I have two this year, I have to confess that they are not altogether things of beauty, and in both, there is much that calls for improvement. But I started this paragraph with another thought in view. We are widely separated, and soil and climatic conditions vary so widely that seed time in one locality is harvest time in another. Thus it is impossible for one to say what is the best course for each separate individual to pursue.

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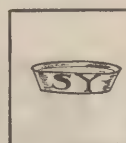
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## Poultry Department

Conducted by Vincent M. Couch.

Those who have suggestions to make or questions to ask are invited to write direct to Mr. Couch at his home, Larkfield, N. Y. Enclose a stamp if you desire a reply.—Ed.

### Notes for You to Consider.

Over feeding is one of the greatest drawbacks with those who keep only a few hens.

Poultry raising in the South is gaining ground rapidly. One of our largest dealers here on Long Island is buying all his broilers from Virginia this season.

One reason why some large flocks on the farm don't pay better is because there are too many old hens among them. The hen's best years are her first two.

By feeding more cut clover, meat and bone, and vegetables, the cost of keeping hens can be considerably reduced, and you will get more eggs with this kind of feed too. Hens require some grain, but not this alone.

A dirty egg is distasteful, even if it is all right inside. Cider vinegar is said to be useful in removing stains that can not be got off with warm water. The best way is to clean them thoroughly when gathered.

A breeder told me a few days ago that he was doing more business with people living in suburban towns than any other class. These are just the people who are interested in these columns and breeders will do well to heed this and place their advertisements early.

Makeshift coops invite disease and noxious animals to depredation. A nearby neighbor lost sixty-nine chickens in one night last month. They were of various sizes and found strewn about all over the yard in the morning. These little animals are some times more troublesome in and around cities and towns than out in the country. You never know what night they will make a clean sweep, so be prepared all the time.

### Questions and Answers.

**Raw Meat**—Is it necessary for fowls to have raw meat? Poultry that has a free range need not have meat given them in summer season, but in winter some green cut bone and meat or scraps should be fed two or three times a week. One pound to twelve or fifteen hens.

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### Getting Better Layers.

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Feb. 16, 1902.

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ducing very many of them when the price is above twenty cents, and more likely not to lay an egg until the price gets down to twelve or fifteen cents, and none after the price gets above twenty cents. Generally it costs no more to keep a good hen than a poor one. It is often said that it invariably costs no more to keep a good animal of any kind than a poor one, but this is not always the case. Take, for instance, a cow that yields a large amount of rich milk, she will generally consume more food than her sister of the same size that gives a mess only half as large, the latter will turn the feed into flesh and after she gets in good condition will eat comparatively little food. With hens, it is well known that they can not produce eggs steadily on light rations, and those that lay only a few eggs will keep in good condition on little feed.

Can we have a flock of 200 egg hens? By scientific breeding I see no reason why a lot of hens that will lay 200 eggs each per year can not be produced as well as we can get a herd of cows that are great milk or butter producers. Experiments have been made to increase the number of rows of corn on a cob with success, also in the growing of small fruits great improvements have been made in the producing qualities. To start with, select the very best layers in the flock. This can only be done by close observation or use of the trap nest. Among these there will probably be hens that will lay from 125 to 140 eggs per year. Some of the pullets from these, if they are mated to a male bird from a good egg producing strains, should lay 150 to 175 eggs in the year, and so on until 200 or better are reached. Its not very long ago that a Massachusetts breeder of Light Brahmas bred a hen that laid 233 eggs in one year. The dam laid 163, the granddam 144 and the great granddam of this hen only 121, so it is plain to see what can be accomplished by pedigree breeding. In breeding up for egg production it is just as essential that the male should be from a hen with a good egg record and from a male that was bred from a hen that laid a large number of eggs, as it is to have the hen from one that was a phenomenal layer. In fact, I think it is more important that the male should be from prolific layers, for if the breeding of the male is neglected we are introducing blood which is lacking in proficiency, and this checks every attempt at progress. Until some attempt is made along these lines, little can be hoped for in the way of increased egg production.

#### Summer Care.

Some people seem to think that to insure success at poultry raising all they have to do is to throw out the feed, mostly corn, and gather in the eggs, but these persons are apt to be disappointed, for when the first part of the program has been carried out the last part is apt to amount to but very little.

With the poultry raiser who lives in the country where there is plenty of room for the hens to roam about and pick up food for themselves, there is need of but little feed being given them in summer, but where the range is limited, they must be fed and cared for to a certain extent the same as in cold weather, or a loss in egg production will be the result. Some flocks are always neglected along in the middle of the summer, or just about the time for moulting, this should not be, for just because they cease to return any profit, in the way of eggs, is no reason they should be left to look out for themselves, on the other hand, it is a time when they should have particular attention, and if they do not have good care it is apt to result in their getting in a dilapidated condition during moulting time, from which they will recover very slowly and frequently not at all. Just this kind of treatment is often responsible for the hens not laying until along towards spring, a matter that we hear and read a good deal about. We can not reasonably expect to get many eggs in fall and winter when they are high and in great demand, unless we make some preparations before hand, and in midsummer is the time to make these preparations. Unless we want eggs entirely for hatching, along in February and later, it is better not to keep any fowls at all if we can not give them the needed care through the summer.

I know it is a common thing with a great many in summer to feed at each meal as much corn, oats, barley, etc, as they will eat, and this being done the owner prides himself upon his liberality, thinking that his own hens, at least, are properly fed, but in one sense he is mistaken both in quantity and quality. Grain will answer for the regular meals when the hens have abundant exercises and a chance to get plenty of green stuff so as to keep their digestive organs in vigorous action. But if kept in confinement on a grain diet alone they will not thrive. Their plumage after a little begins to look dull and rough, and they lose in general condition. And while they may lay a few eggs in summer, perhaps enough to pay for the feed, they will go into moult in

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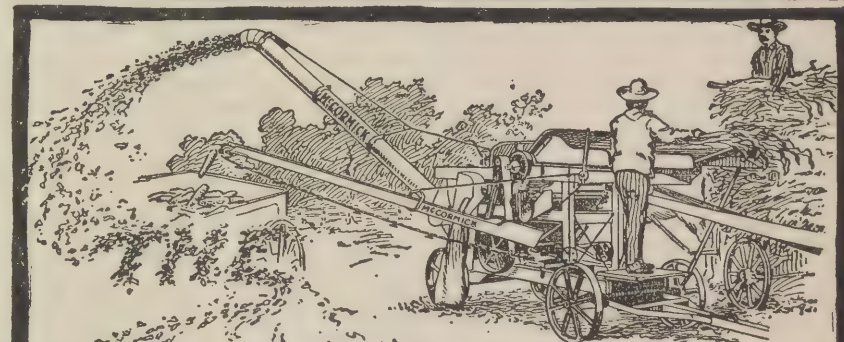
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Set rules and amounts for feeding in summer can not be relied upon, any more than in winter, fixed scales are delusive. Different breeds require different quantities of food, and fowls of the same breed often have very different measures of capacity. A hen when laying right along requires much more food than when her egg organs are unproductive. The one simple rule is to give them as much as they will eat up eagerly and no more. I have often known of persons having a dozen hens to go out and throw them in a basin full of scraps from the table, when the fowls already had more than they needed. In cases of this kind it is better to throw such feed in the stove than to load down the hens with food they do not require.

When a regular supply of eggs is the thing in view, as is generally the case with those who keep hens in cities and villages, it will pay the owner to give particular attention to the wants of his fowls at this time of year, so as not to be obliged to go into the grocery next November and pay thirty or thirty-five cents per dozen for cold storage eggs.

#### Raising Pigeons.

At the request of our readers I give the following information on raising squabs: For housing pigeons part of a barn, or better a small building out by itself, will answer the purpose. It should be in a dry locality where there is plenty of sun. If a building has to be put up, hemlock lumber will do. One to accommodate 100 pairs of birds should be about thirty-two feet long, seven feet high in rear by nine feet front and ten feet wide, the roof should be such as will not leak, and the room divided into four compartments, all well ventilated, four windows in front and one in each end, will answer. There should be twenty or twenty-five good sized nests for them to lay, hatch and raise the young in. Gravel or sand should be placed on the floor to depth of two or three inches. Grit and oyster shells should be at hand all the time. Perches must be put up for them to alight on, and outside of this building there should be a wire cage fifteen to twenty feet wide and as long as the building, for the old birds to exercise in; here, there should be poles for them to perch on, this cage should be partitioned off with wire netting to correspond with the compartments of the building. They mate in single pairs, and a good sized male bird should be given to a medium sized hen. This will insure better stock. The feed consists of wheat, cracked corn, peas, buckwheat, barley, bread, and occasionally some hemp and millet seed, be fed in troughs twice daily.

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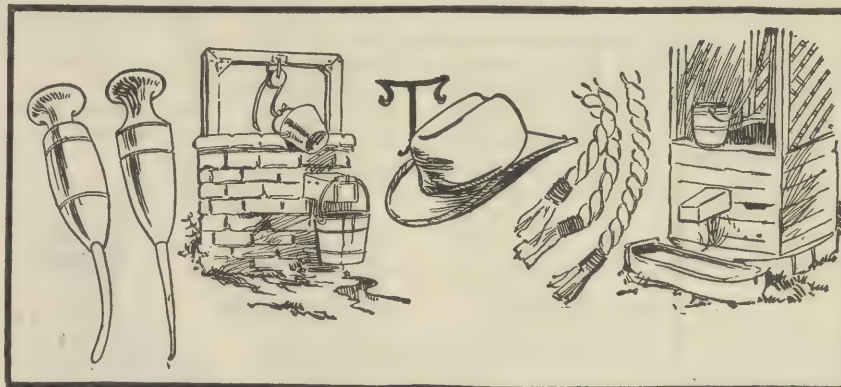
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The quantity of material required for the medium size is, for waist 4 yards 21 or 27, 3 3/4 yards 32, 2 1/4 yards 44 inches wide; for skirt 5 1/4 yards 27, 3 3/4 yards 44 or 3 1/4 yards 52 inches wide. The waist pattern 4456 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure. The skirt pattern 4441, is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

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### Talks About Flowers.

(Continued from Page Four.)

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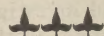


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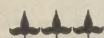
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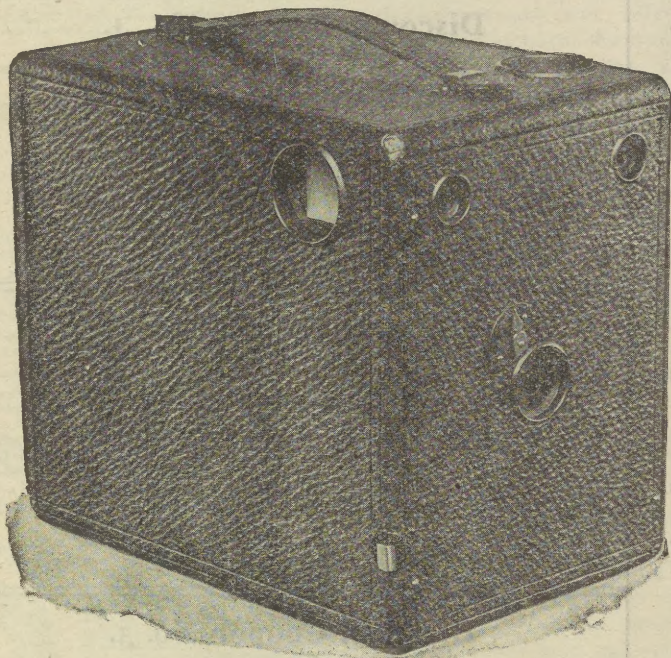
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